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INCOMING MESSAGE 3055 THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ~~TOP SECRET~~

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DESTR. CERT. I Certify the following cpy No's destroyed #12 Recorder Witness

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Authority E.O. 11652 SEC. 5(A) and (D)
By JB, NARS, Date 4-20-76

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TO RUMFZK/CTF 77

INFO RUECW/CNO
RUEKDA/JCS
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RUMFZN/CTG 77.6
RUMSMA/COMUSMACV
ZEN/COMDESDIV 192
RUMFZK/USS TICONDEROGA
ZEN/USS MADDOX
ZEN/USS TURNER JOY

~~T O P S E C R E~~ T

DESOTO PATROL (U)

1. IN THE EVENT THAT ANOTHER UNPROVOKED ATTACK IS MADE ON DESOTO PATROL, IT IS MANDATORY MAXIMUM EFFORT BE MADE ACHIEVE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION ATTACKING UNITS.

2. YOU ARE DIRECTED TO MAINTAIN IN SUPPORT OF DESOTO:
A. A MINIMUM OF 2 F8E OR A4 AIRBORNE CAP DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. THESE AIRCRAFT TO BE ON CALL TO COMDESDIV 192 AND POSITIONED OVER WATCHDOG DD.
B. A PRE-LOADED STRIKE GROUP OF 8-12 AIRCRAFT READY TO LAUNCH ON 15 MIN NOTICE. REALIZE TICO NOT CAPABLE PURE FLEX DECK OPS DURING RECOVERY. ARMAMENT TO CONCENTRATE ON USE ZUNI AND 2.75 ROCKETS. NO OBJECTION AIRBORNE A1 POSITIONED IN DIRECTION MOST LIKELY THREAT IF DESIRED.
C. PHOTO CAPABILITY TO RECORD RESULTS ANY FUTURE ENGAGEMENTS.

3. REALIZE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT CONFUSING AND AND AM ATTEMPTING TO CLARIFY. IN INTERIM NO US FORCES ARE PERMITTED ANY CLOSER THAN 20

INFO.....CJCS-3(1-3) DJS-3(4-6) SJCS-1(7) J3-4(8-11) DIA-1(13)
NMCC-2(14-15) JRG-2(16-17) CSA-2(18-19) CSAF-2(20-21)
CMC-2(22-23) OSD-15(24-38) FILE-1(39) (1-39)

ADV COPIES TO DIA, NMCC, JRG, AND OSD.

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MILES FROM CHICOM TERRITORY, 11 MILES FROM MAINLAND OF NORTH VIETNAM OR 4 MILES FROM ISLANDS OFF NORTH VIETNAM COAST.

4. THERE IS NO INTENTION TO INTERFERE WITH YT RECCE MISSIONS HOWEVER ACTUAL RETALIATORY ACTION IN PROTECTING DESOTO PATROL TRANSCENDS PURE YT RECCE IN IMPORTANCE AND PRIORITY TO BE ASSIGNED.

5. COMMENTS INVITED.

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